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**Times are tough**  
and the Indiana Interpretive  
Naturalists want to help.

As education budgets continue  
to shrink, we want to help  
make sure Indiana's children  
continue to have access to in-  
formation about nature. So  
this winter we are waiving the  
\$2 per child program fee and  
offering NO-FEE programs —  
**in your classroom!**

What's the catch? There is  
none. These programs are  
FREE and are tied directly to  
Indiana state science stan-  
dards.

However, our budget is shrink-  
ing, too, so if your PTO or  
school budget allows payment,  
we would encourage you to  
donate the standard fee to the  
Park.

# Naturalist In The Classroom



*Free programs in your  
classroom presented by  
Turkey Run State Park  
naturalist services*

***December 1, 2009 –  
February 26, 2010***

**Turkey Run State Park is excited to  
bring nature to your classroom  
FOR FREE!**

Several programs are available at no charge on Fridays throughout the months of December, January and February this winter. To schedule one for your students, please call the Turkey Run nature center Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays at 765-597-2654. Call early, as programs slots are expected to fill quickly.

**TITLE:   *Build A Beaver***

**TIME:**   40 minutes

**SCIENCE STANDARDS:**   K.1, K.2, K.3, K.4, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 3.2, 3.4, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.4

**DESCRIPTION:** Students discover adaptations that allow beaver to thrive in an aquatic habitat. One volunteer is fitted with a representative “adaptation” as each is discussed. For example, a raincoat represents the beaver’s



oil-coated, waterproof fur. Students investigate a real beaver mount and let their fingers explore a beaver pelt. Program language and content will be adjusted to fit grade levels K-5

**TITLE:   *Hoot Like An Owl***

**TIME:**   40 minutes

**SCIENCE STANDARDS:**   2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 3.2, 3.4, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.4

**DESCRIPTION:** Students discover adaptations that allow owls to thrive in a competitive environment. Through real mounts, they meet the 3 most common Indiana owls and hear about their preferred habitats.

Students learn how to imitate owl calls and are encouraged to take their families out into the



night to try and call owls in for a close look at an amazing wild animal. Program language & content will be adjusted to fit grade levels 2-5.



**TITLE:   *Recycled Birdfeeders***

**TIME:**   1 hour

**SCIENCE STANDARDS:**   K.1, K.2, K.4, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1

**DESCRIPTION:** Students discuss the 3 R’s of recycling, add a 4th R, then build a landfill made of volunteers. As trash is added to the landfill students discuss what happens when the fill is full. As items that can be recycled are removed from the fill, students discover how they can become an active partner in taking better care of the earth. Session ends with students reusing a milk carton from a previous lunch to make a feeder for the birds. Appropriate for grades k-2.

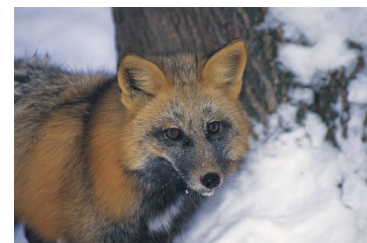


**TITLE:   *Animal Adaptations***

**TIME:**   40 minutes

**SCIENCE STANDARDS:**   3.2, 3.4, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.4

**DESCRIPTION:** Using animal mounts from 4 different habitat types, students discover the adaptations that prepare each animal for the challenges of its habitat. Students discover purpose in nature through comparing and contrasting. Program ends with a surprise LIVE animal quiz: students must place animal into correct habitat and support their theory based



on what they’ve learned during the program. Program language and content will be adjusted to fit grade levels 3-5.